College open house set for Sunday

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

Niagara College will open its doors Sunday to greet the public for an afternoon which should prove to be informative, interesting and fun.

College President John Saso stressed the importance of the open house through a student's perspective; "if I were a student it would be important for me to go to the college I would be attending in the fall. It gives a student a good perspective on the programs and the teachers."

Mr. Saso said since most parents support their children's education, they most likely have concerns to express. The open house gives parents a chance to meet the teachers and voice the concerns they may have. On the other end, it gives the administration a chance to talk to the community regarding college issues.

Monique Morin, marketing associate, said the open house is of major importance. "It gives the out-of-town students the opportunity to see the teachers and the campus and obtain any information they need." She said information will be available on every facet of the college and assistance will be provided by guides at every entrance. Ms. Morin wanted to remind people there is also an open house in the fall, which she said is also of significant importance.

The special events planned for Sunday include: having your blood pressure checked by the nursing students, demonstrations by the robotics stations, simulated television production in the broadcasting, radio and television area, having your fingerprints taken by the law and security students, and the new spring arrivals on display in the Fashion Club boutique.

Students, staff and faculty will be on hand to answer questions, share experiences and provide assistance. The open house begins at 1 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. at the Welland Campus.

More than 2,000 people are expected.

All off-campus programs will be represented, including the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls and the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.

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Cheryl McVicar, Vahid Amini and Rob Hoath hold their achievement awards given at last week's college sports banquet in Niagara Falls, Ont. Photo by Neville Lewis

Hoath, McVicar win awards

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year, a Niagara Knight hockey player has been named Niagara College's male athlete of the year.

Rob Hoath, a second-year law and security student from Hamilton, received the prestigious award for his skills and leadership on and off the ice during the college's 22nd annual athletic banquet and awards night held March 27 at the Americana Hotel in Niagara Falls.

"I was so shocked. I didn't expect it," said Rob. "I was pleased with my performance this year. I tried to give 100 per cent in every game."

"I couldn't have done it without my team. We worked hard, especially in the last five regular season games and the playoffs."

The female athlete of the year was awarded to volleyball star Cheryl McVicar.

Cheryl, from Welland, is in her final year of law and security administration. She was surprised and honored to receive the award.

"We had some bad times this year (women's volleyball team), but we worked everything out," said Cheryl. "I'm going to miss it next year."

Both awards were presented to the athletes by Niagara College President John Saso and Welland Alderman Bob Muir.

Vahid Amini, a first-year health preparatory student from St. Catharines, was named freshman athlete of the year and was a co-winner for the most valuable player on the men's volleyball team with Sylvain Herous.

"I thank Niagara College for giving support to the athletes," said Vahid. "I was surprised, but I knew I played well."

Jeff Mazi, a second-year law and security administration student from Dunnville, was honored with the MVP award for men's hockey.

"I was surprised that I won the award, but I wasn't surprised we won the championship," Jeff said. "I could see us peaking at just the right time."

Tobi Campbell, a second-year radio and broadcasting student from St. Catharines, received an MVP award for her leadership role with the women's volleyball team.

Tobi, a key player on and off the court, was surprised with the

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Forsyth awaiting new year

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The new 1991-92 Student Administrative Council president is ready for the challenge.

"I'm looking forward to next year and I'm enthusiastic with the new council," Shane Forsyth, 21, a second-year business sales student, said.

"We hope to have a student council that Niagara College can be proud of. One that will work as a team for all students, helping in the best way that we can," he said.

Shane is among the three candidates acclaimed to the new council. The other two are Dale Deloughtery, 23, a general college student as vice-president external; and Christopher Smith, 20, a broadcast, radio and television student as vice-president athletics.

"I hope to do just as good a job as Jason Austin, vice-president external, did the past year," Dale said.

With the anticipated opening of the new student centre in early June, named After Hours, the Student Administrative Council will move into the new building.

Shane said students will not only hear more about what the Student Administrative Council is doing for them but will see it as well.

One goal Dale hopes to achieve in the coming year is to raise more money for charitable organizations. "If SAC works together as a council should, helping each other to do a better job, as well as the student body showing their school spirit, there is practically

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Winner 'excited'

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Brigitta Verbraeken, 26, a second-year educational resources and special needs student, is the elected student representative on Niagara College's Board of Governors.

She won by receiving 168 votes, while her opponent, Mark Sutch, 30, a second-year business administration student, got 42 votes.

The student voter turnout represented a 500 per cent increase over the vote last year, when only 44 votes were cast by the students.

However, of the total number of 230 students who voted (there were 20 ballots spoiled), that represents only a small percentage of the more than 6,600 students at the college who were eligible to vote.

"I'm very excited now," said Brigitta, minutes after the results of the March 20 and 21 vote were announced.

Brigitta credits her well-organized campaign and "excellent crew" for her victory. "Without my classmates and people who work in the department behind me, I wouldn't have done so well," she said.

Brigitta and her campaign

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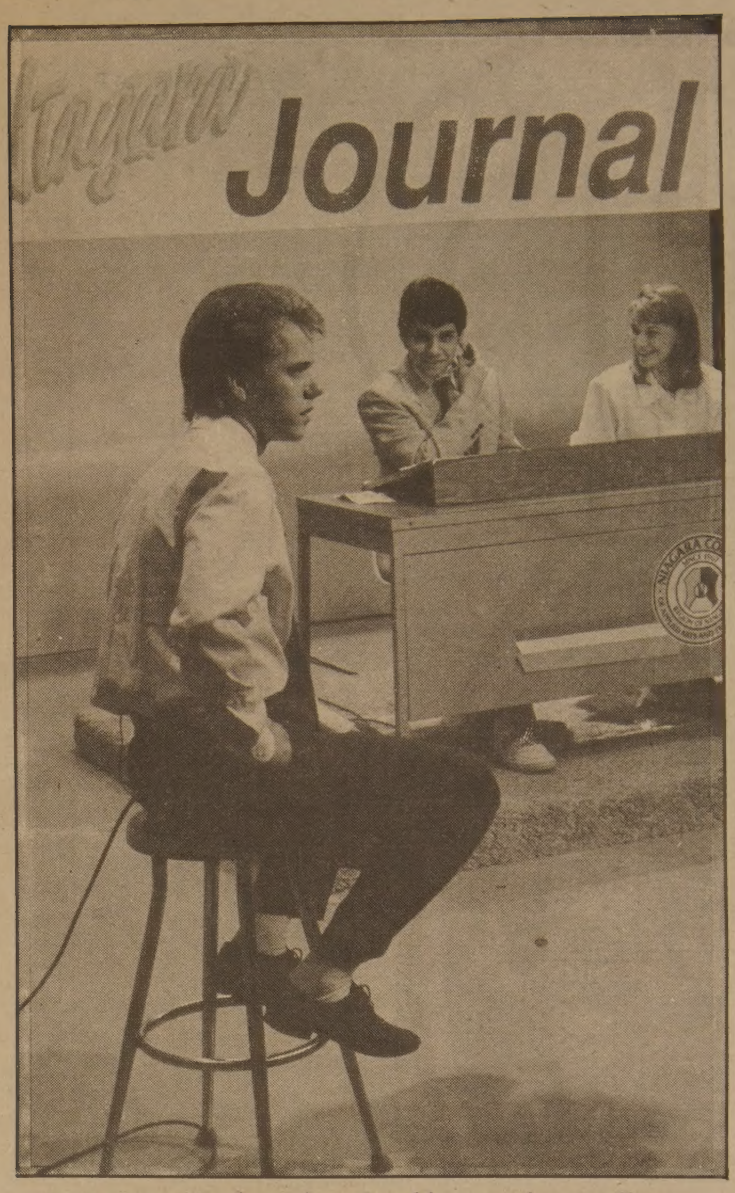

On the set of the Journal, produced by second-year radio and television students, anchorman Ron Romeo and part-time co-anchor Barb Blundell, who alternates weekly with Mark Wikobrado and sportscaster Roy MacDonald, work to produce the eight weekly broadcasts of the Journal.

Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Journal's sixth telecast 'going pretty well'

The Niagara Journal, airing its sixth telecast yesterday, is still "going pretty well," Larry Taylor, radio and television programming co-ordinator, said.

The only problem they've encountered so far is a microphone that wasn't on, which instilled "an initial panic" in the reporters, but the point of having a live telecast is so the students will have to cover up their mistakes, Mr. Taylor said. "It gets them used to doing live shows."

The Journal is a 30-minute news and information program about local college news which is aired every Thursday at noon and 7 p.m. on Maclean Hunter cable television channels in Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Pelham, Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Thorold.

The second-year students in the college's broadcasting department produce the program which includes news, sports and entertainment news.

The Journal is not a new program. "We've been doing the Journal now for 15 years," Mr. Taylor said.

The set, which the students are now using for their broadcasts, is not new, nor has it changed since they began six weeks ago. The set is "a part of what we had last year with some refinements," he said. Last year, they were void of a desk. This year, the students have one.

Although Mr. Taylor has no idea as to the show's audience, he said, "we've had people phoning us after the show has been on to give us stories."

"There's a certain amount of excitement with doing a live show."

Dance sparks 'enthusiasm'

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

It was a step back in history for more than 300 faculty and staff members during a 1960s dance March 23.

Many of those in attendance were dressed in clothing representing the '60s.

The dance was organized by the college's 25th anniversary social planning committee to kick off the college's 25th anniversary celebrations.

"This was a time for staff and faculty to get together to socialize and have a good time," said Irma Cain, a college secretary on the social planning committee who co-ordinated the dance.

"In over 10 years, there hasn't been a dance for the people who work at the college. They were in the mood to have one and have a good time and I think they did," Mrs. Cain said.

The dance was held at the cafeteria in the Black Walnut building, which was decorated with streamers, balloons and album covers from the 1960s. There were bulletin boards that had top 10 lists, pictures, articles, and other memorabilia from the '60s. A Harley Davidson motorcycle was on stage.

There were door prizes and a '60s trivia contest where each table was given a questionnaire. The winners of the trivia contest called themselves the JFKs. They got 14 out of 20 questions correct.

Many people dressed up in their '60s clothing. Diplomas were given out for different categories of dress. Gary Guzda, who is on support staff at the college, won for best bells (bell bottoms). He said he was "embarrassed" when he won. But as for the dance, he said he "enjoyed it immensely."

One thing Mr. Guzda remembers about the '60s is "the invention of the ballpoint pen." He said up until then he was still using a fountain pen in school and "this was a big thing back then."

"Embarrassed but pleased" was how John Peacock felt when he won for the most "far-out" costume. Having a costume that included long black hair, a bandana, and round glasses, many thought he resembled John Lennon, but Mr. Peacock said he was "just someone from the '60s." He said he was a fan of Lennon's and a "big fan of the '60s."

"The '60s were a formative time of my life going from school to work," said Mr. Peacock, co-ordinator of the Hospitality and Tourism administration at the Niagara Falls campus and also a member of the planning committee. Mr. Peacock spent the '60s growing up as a teenager in the United Kingdom and had a band called the King Bees, a song title taken from Muddy Waters, a rhythm and blues singer. Mr. Peacock came to Canada in 1975.

Rick Chandler, co-ordinator of the Ambulance and Emergency Care program, said the dance was "excellent." He won for the most colorful costume. He was "surprised" to find out he had won.

Mr. Chandler was a teenager in the '60s and went to high school in St. Catharines where he graduated in 1969. He said there was "nothing rememberable" about the '60s. When he was 19 years old he "hitchhiked to Florida for a month."

Mr. Chandler is on the planning committee and was in charge of the bar.

Other winners were Nelson Lacroix, from business administration, who won for the best "where it's at" costume; Lyn Bourret won for the most sensuous costume; and Irma Cain won for the best platformed pulchritude.

A special award went to Tony Backler for the Original Pommy Backler Suit Award. He won the award because of the suit he wore to the dance, the same suit he wore in 1965 when he came to Canada from East Anglia, England. Pommy is a slang word for people who come from Britain, just as Americans are known as Yankees or Canadians as Canucks.

Mr. Backler, technology division director at the college, remembers the '60s when he moved to Canada. He said it "was a cultural shock."

"Clothing was the least of the shock. Houses, food, lifestyle, and cars were a big change," Mr. Backler said.

He came to Canada because he felt he "could do better in North America than in England."

He said he enjoyed the dance and went because it "sounded like fun."

It was a non-smoking dance and as a result there were a number of "positive" comments.

"People felt good and not headachy," Mrs. Cain said.

When the committee started planning for the dance back in October, Mrs. Cain said she was positive they "would have a good turnout and the time was right."

"I was overwhelmed by the co-operation I received while planning the '60s dance. So many people had wonderful ideas and suggestions for me to draw on. Niagara College was ready for a dance and their enthusiasm and attendance proved it. A special thank you to the 25th anniversary social planning committee for their total commitment in planning this event."

The dance sparked "so much enthusiasm" that there are plans for more functions for staff and faculty in the future, she said.

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Annual technical report night scheduled for April 11

The 16th annual Technical Report Night sponsored by the Niagara College branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers will be held April 11.

A symposium begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, at the Black Walnut Building. Tickets for dinner are $5 for members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and $8 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased at the student branch office in L-12.

Trevor Burns, president of the student branch and chairman of Technical Report Night, said "this is the highlight of the year."

Three students in their final year of Computer, Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology will present their reports.

Everyone is invited to attend the presentations in the Hamilton Room, Welland campus at 8 p.m. There is no cost.

"It gives students the opportunity to show other students and people in industry what we're doing at Niagara College. It's good for everyone."

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Board the bus for Jays

Student Administrative Council is sponsoring a bus trip to a Toronto Blue Jays game scheduled for Friday, April 12.

The bus will depart from the cafeteria at the Black Walnut building at 5 p.m.

Tickets are $25 each, which includes bus fare to and from Toronto and a ticket for the game, against the Milwaukee Brewers.

This will be the final trip sponsored by SAC this year.

Only 40 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at the SAC office in ME101.

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Chinese officials visit college

Two officials from Changsha University in China are in Canada on a two-week visit.

The two have spent much of their time at Niagara College, but they will also visit other schools in the Niagara Region.

Changsha University President Jun Li and Fang-Jun Yang, the university's director of foreign affairs, do not speak English. However, they were accompanied by Yina Liang, an English instructor from Changsha University who is working at the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Mr. Li and Mr. Yang have also toured Lakeshore Secondary School in Port Colborne.

They attended a dinner held for them at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on Monday night.

Earlier on Monday the two attended Ed Wilson's current events class at the college. Many of the students had the opportunity to ask questions.

"I asked him (Mr. Li) what he thought of the twinning between Changsha University and Niagara College. He said he hoped the friendship would continue as long as the river flows," Mark Nesbitt, a first-year journalism student, said.

Mr. Li is a professor of Chinese Literature, Mr. Wilson said.

Students in China consider it a "great honor" to be accepted into a university because of the large number of applicants and limited number of spaces, said Mr. Li.

Niagara College President John Saso shares a light moment with visiting Chinese officials. From left to right, Hugo Bessems, the college's international student adviser, Fang-Jun Yang, director of Changsha University's foreign affairs, and Jun Li, president of Changsha University.

Photo by Mark Denis

Cathy Watt, first-year journalism student, asked Mr. Li if he had visited Niagara Falls.

"He told me he was thrilled I had asked that question," she said.

He said he would like "to take the water from Niagara Falls and write poetry with it."

Last week the two Changsha officials visited the journalism department at the college. Mr. Li asked a number of questions about the journalism program. He said "until 1988, my university had a journalism department."

Mr. Li is optimistic a journalism program can be started again next year.

"Graduates of the program," said Mr. Li, "used to work in the city or provincial press industry."

The two officials are expected to return home April 8.

College survey on safety

Niagara College's task force on personal safety, formerly the task force on violence, has distributed a survey to all college campuses designed to reflect the college community's views on how safe they feel.

The last meeting of the task force was spent discussing, preparing, and approving the "personal safety on campus" survey.

The results from the survey are "just to get a feeling from faculty, students, and staff what they think is safe for them," Bev Brown, chairman of the task force and educational resouces and special needs instructor said.

The survey has seven question areas about safety, including several asking for opinions and ideas about the issue, one asking about interest in safety-oriented seminars and workshops and another asking about safety comfort levels in specific college areas.

About 1,000 questionnaires were distributed throughout the college and the results are expected by the middle of May, Ms. Brown said, adding, "We will have a 10 per cent sample" of whether or not "they feel safe."

The task force is hopeful most surveys will be returned by its next meeting May 1 at the Mack Centre.

Ms. Brown said the task force's next goal is to complete a safety audit of all college buildings.

New president stresses 'teamwork'

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

A lack of school spirit, the student centre and the duties of student council were the main topics discussed Tuesday at a meeting of those seeking a position on the Student Administrative Council.

Shane Forsyth, president-elect for next year's Student Administrative Council, was the first speaker, stressing "teamwork" as a goal for the new council. "I'm looking forward to a lot of changes," he said.

The two candidates for executive vice-president spoke about the need for students to vote.

Karl Anselstetter said the student centre "is for all the students." He outlined a suggested activity schedule for the new centre.

Steve (Biff) McIntyre said student participation in government "is the key" to a successful council. "If you don't vote, don't bitch."

Volunteering for fund-raising projects and "increasing" school spirit were issues raised by Dale Deloughery, acclaimed as vice-president external.

Karen Beattie and Tammy Jo Moore, two candidates for the position of vice-president internal, said their previous experience qualified them for the position.

Karen said mature students need activities "geared" toward them to help them fit in.

Tammy Jo said communications between students and the Student Administrative Council "must be improved."

Connections between sports and social events "is a necessity," said Christopher Smith, acclaimed as vice-president athletics. He said he was disappointed at having no competition for the position.

Glenna Hansen and Eric Hitchcock were campaigning for the position of vice-president social affairs.

Glenna said the "existing means of communication must be used effectively in order to hear what the students are saying."

"The school spirit here sucks rhino," said Eric, whose main concerns were a need for more daily events and "a better promotion" to boost school spirit among the students.

Because of paste-up and press time deadlines, the results of yesterday's Student Administrative Council vote were not available. The results are expected to be posted later today by the Student Administrative Council.

College instructor hopes to go to China

A Niagara College chef-professor will be on a slow boat to China in early May if all goes well.

Albert Cipryk, an instructor for apprentice chefs at Niagara's Hospitality and Tourism Centre, will be visiting Jiangsu Commercial College, Yangzhou, People's Republic of China, through the Ontario-Jiangsu Educational Exchange program, administered through University of Toronto-York University Joint Centre for Asia Pacific studies.

Mr. Cipryk will be attending an orientation meeting later this month where many of the trip's details will be worked out.

"I'm certainly very happy. I've had two dream cities, Berlin and Shanghai. I've been fascinated by the Orient all my life; I've been throughout the world but never made it (there)."

Mr. Cipryk will be attending classes at Jiangsu Commercial College, and may give some lectures to students.

Three students and one teacher from different institutions will also be going on the exchange, which runs from May 6 to June 28.

Everyone invited to play bingo

A bingo game will be held Saturday to raise money for the international student scholarship fund at Niagara College.

The game will be held at the Golden Nugget Bingo, 6282 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls at 7 p.m.

"We're hoping to see a good representation of Niagara College staff and students to make this event a success," Jennie Griffiths, an English instructor at the school and a scholarship fund committee member, said.

The scholarship will provide funds for one international student a year.

"We hope to have an international student at the college by January 1992," Mrs. Griffiths said.

Staff and students who plan to attend the bingo game are encouraged to wear their Niagara College T-shirts.

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Editorials

College vote

Election problems evident

Elections are never easy to understand. Whether we're talking about a federal, provincial or municipal vote, the ins and outs of election campaigning are sometimes impossible for the average voter to figure out.

The situation appears no different at the college level.

Is ignorance really bliss?

Can money really buy votes?

In relation to the recently-completed vote for Student Administrative Council at Niagara College, it seems the answer is a resounding yes.

Here are some interesting facts.

Candidates in the student elections had no spending limits.

Candidates could make no election promises.

The nomination process was unfair to students off the Welland campus.

In other words, a "wealthy" student had a much better chance of winning an election than a student with limited funds.

Meanwhile, with promises not allowed, the election becomes little more than a popularity contest. The candidates with the most posters have the advantage of exposure leading up to voting day.

Potential candidates at the other school campuses had only one week to qualify for the elections.

These are questions and problems that will continue to plague Niagara College as long as the Student Administrative Council chooses to ignore them.

We realize many of these issues are only raised at election time, but that alone makes it essential these issues are discussed and dealt with before the next student election.

Mark Nesbitt

A look at the bright side

Smokers versus non-smokers, college debt, sexism and student apathy. These are not the most pleasant phrases and words, however, they are phrases and words used repeatedly by students in voicing concerns over issues at Niagara College.

A simple suggestion to lighten the heart is to take a two-minute break from reality and concentrate on the positive aspects of the college. The issues facing college officials are definitely important and certainly worthy of the time and effort required to form a resolution, but if we dwell on the negative, how can we hope to improve the sense of school spirit which so many see as lacking?

All one must do is look outside to see the construction of the new student centre — a positive improvement — which, with luck, will create a more enjoyable campus life.

The college is headed for changes in various areas, such as new program developments, three new vice-presidents and a new security system — all of which should prove beneficial in the long term.

If school spirit is to increase, a positive outlook must be taken. Realistically, of course, the college has some definite problems that must be overcome. College officials just can't ignore a projected $1.4 million deficit.

However, if only the negative aspects of the college are considered, we might as well just throw in the towel.

Next time a feeling of doom and gloom begins to manifest itself in your mind at the thoughts of the college deficit, the smoking policy, parking problems or any other such issue, remember to look on the bright side: at least you're getting a worthwhile education and experiencing college life — an adventure many people never get to take.

Cindy Harriman

Bullpit

Writer voices concern about poster

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

Condoms, beer and school spirit — is this a platform guaranteed to ensure a position on the Student Administrative Council?

Eric Hitchcock, a business administration student and candidate for SAC's vice-president position of social affairs, apparently believes so.

Mr. Hitchcock's campaign posters blatantly depict inebriation as a means to promote school spirit. A condom advertisement invites "a safe vote."

Is inherent decadence and debauchery a basic quality for a social affairs position?

Will the majority of the student body allow such pathetic representation to freely budget student funds toward self-destruction?

No apparent rational thought has entered Mr. Hitchcock's attempt to acquire a position on the Student Administrative Council, or is rational thought a factor?

Letters to the Editor

Smokers have a choice

Dear Editor:

I'm so tired of all the complaining being done about smokers. All this talk about spending thousands of dollars on making special rooms for smokers or having temporary buildings put on the grounds can be solved quite easily.

Granted, the entire college is smoke-free and even though they're not supposed to, smokers seem quite content to smoke just inside the doorways. Why not make these spots designated smoking areas.

Yes they are small and not ventilated, but smokers seem quite happy as long as they don't have to freeze outside.

Now this is going to bring out all those who are just appalled at having to go through this smokey space to get into the school. Yes, second- hand smoke is dangerous, but next time you walk through this area, get out your stopwatch and time how long it takes to get through this doorway. Maybe five seconds at most. In five seconds, you only inhale once, maybe twice.

Now all you people who just can't be exposed to such life-threatening air, tell me that you've never been in a smoke-filled bar, a restaurant with a smoking section, a friend's house who smokes, etc. I would say that the door area is the least amount of time you have ever been exposed to smoke.

Smoking is not a right, but it's up to each individual to make their choice whether of not they want to smoke.

I'd say there are far more things people could be fighting for or about. If non-smokers left smokers alone, smokers would probably gladly try to keep their smoking away from those who don't like it.

As for Barrie Brown's statement about the federal law being passed on all colleges this is true but being a member of the volleyball team for two years, I have visited several colleges and they do have designated, ventilated smoking areas.

Cheryl McVicar
Second-year law and security student

'White elephant' defended

Dear Editor:

We wish to respond to the editoral written by Robbie Craine in the March 15th edition of the Niagara News. She is permitted to have her opinion and we the members of the Student Senate at the St. Catharines campus respect that, as we hope the population of Niagara College will listen and respect our opinion.

We would appreciate your hearing our views on the subject of the "white elephant." We are not writing on behalf of all students in St. Catharines, but definitely the majority of them.

Our so called "White elephant" is anything but that. It is blue, orange, yellow, green and cream in color. You may not think that sounds too terrible, but take a look for yourselves. Those lovely colors are masked by dirt, grime, cracks and peeling paint. In many rooms in our school, the paint has faded to a dull grey. Yes, we realize elephants are supposed to be grey, but we are not discussing elephants. We are talking about a school, one that is an eyesore to *all who attend. We have a wonder*ful staff and student body, but a building that is an embarrassment, not just to us but to the reputation of the whole of Niagara College.

A new coat of paint will give the St. Catharines campus a bright new appearance, a freshness and cleanliness that we the students as well as all those who will follow in its remaining years can be proud of.

Denise Lunt
Secretary, Student Senate
St. Catharines campus

Students congratulated

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the first-year journalism students on a terrific First Edition!

Your newspaper was chock-full of interesting detail and well-written articles. You should be proud of your "first" production.

Keep up the good work, and thanks for a most enjoyable read.

Marti Jurmain
English Operations Co-ordinator

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Focus

Ahoy mates - Niagara sets sail

By LISA PRATT
Staff Writer

A new sailing school is being launched at Niagara College.

The school is at the Port Dalhousie Marina in St. Catharines. The office and classroom will be situated in the Lighthouse on the east pier of Port Dalhousie Harbor.

College President John Saso believes in the school. He is "very proud" the school is opening.

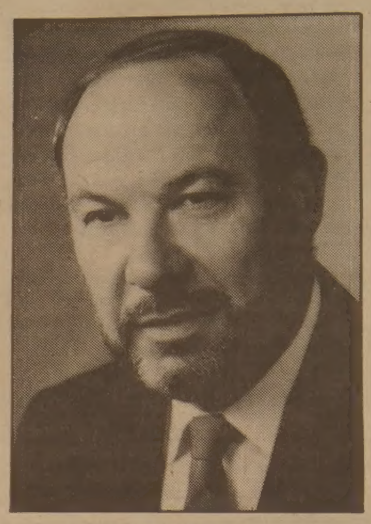
"I believe it will be oversubscribed. People should sign up soon."

Mr. Saso said a course such as this is beneficial. "Education isn't just a job."

"Learning new skills is what education is all about. Doing things that are different and exciting gives a person a break from everyday life. This is what a community college is all about," he said.

The sailing school is a new venture for the college.

The sailing school is offering keelboat sailing instruction and a variety of leisure sailing activities. There's a blend of in-class and on-boat activities which provide hands-on training. Thirty-six different courses are available including "Sailing — Introductory Keelboat Sailing," which is a 12-hour course designed for the novice sailor. At a cost of $199, the student will become familiar with basic sailing manoeuvers and will be able to practise their skills. Another course offered is "Sailing — Basic Keelboat Cruising" which is a 27-hour course designed for people with little experience in sailing. The cost of this course is $325 and the graduates can join the Sailing Club in Port Dalhousie. Unlimited sailing is available through the Sailing Club at a cost of $449 for the season, or for $20 per hour after paying a general registration fee of $99.



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Other sailing courses being offered include: Boating Safety (six hours); Coastal Navigation (2.5 hours); and VHF Radio Operations (six hours). There is a total of 36 courses available. Classes are scheduled to begin May 4 and continue through Labor Day.

The boat being used is the Shark 24. The Shark 24 is Canada's most popular "one-design" keelboat. The Shark 24 is the ultimate in light displacement racer-cruisers. They come equipped with Canadian Coast Guard recommended safety gear and VHF radios.

"The Shark 24 is a well approved boat which is recognized by the sailing community as one of the best built," said Richard Navin, president of Halman Manufacturing in Beamsville. "They are very safe and responsive boats." Asked about the safety of the Shark 24 for students, Mr. Navin said "the boat will bring you home."

Shirley Tomovic, development officer of Continuing Education, is optimistic the program will be successful. "There has been a big response in Toronto and Hamilton at the sister colleges, so a big response is expected," she said.

"As a sailor, this course is good and affordable. For someone who is interested in sailing, it's an ideal course. When the person graduates, he can release (rent) the boat hourly," said David Davies, director of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, and a member of the sailing school advisory committee.

Niagara is a prime location for the sailing school because of its access to Lake Ontario. When the course is completed the student will earn the Canadian Yachting Association Basic Cruising Standard.

The instructors are Canadian Yachting Association certified instructors.

Anyone wishing to enrol in any of the courses must be 19 years of age or older, or have a secondary school graduation diploma. Persons under the age of 19 who would like to enrol should contact Shirley Tomovic at (416) 688-1380, 735-2211, 384-9760 or 382-2383, Ext. 521.

The boats will be christened May 3 in Port Dalhousie. The public is invited.

Bullpit

Ecology under siege

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Hey television fans, now the video-game war is over, are we all bored? Now that the good guys have won, and Johnny and Jenny are marching home, what about the real war still raging in the oil fields of Kuwait?

I heard President George Bush once say "this war isn't about oil," but then, that was then, and this is now, and now the war is about a handful of firefighters trying to extinguish about 800 raging oil-well fires.

The fires are burning an estimated five million barrels of oil a day, the smoke keeps the sky permanently dark and the daily average temperature has dropped 11 degrees Celsius since the fires started giving the world its first real glimpse of what nuclear winter would be like.

Add that to the hundreds of millions of gallons of oil bobbing about on the Persian Gulf, and it seems clear the combination of coalition bombing and Iraqi sabotage has given us the mother of all environmental disasters (to add cliche to cliche).

What also seems clear is the general lack of interest in this part of the war. Maybe Mr. Bush really meant what he said. Let the oil burn. The Iraqui military has left Kuwait.

Or maybe when the awesome military might of the world planned the great battle they didn't look far enough ahead to plan for such an aftermath. Perhaps they didn't know what to do then and they still don't now. Perhaps they would look quite silly if they admitted it.

It is estimated the fires will take "at least a year" to bring under control. At five million barrels a day,if estimates are correct, that's 1,825,000,000 barrels a year, or 82,125,000,000 Imperial gallons a year. If the war wasn't about oil, it certainly should have been.

Hey, TV fans, now that things are really starting to boil in the Soviet Union, too bad they won't issue work visas to that famous American news network...

Student senate charitable, energetic

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

The Student Senate at the Wellandvale Campus in St. Catharines is a "very energetic group whose No. 1 goal is to serve students," Dominic Trimboli, staff adviser to the Senate, said.

Because courses do not run on a semester system and students graduate at different times, no regular elections are held. Each class has a student representative who asks if anyone is interested in holding a position on the executive of the Senate when there is an opening.

The members of the current executive are: Fred Carleton, president; Gerry Gaunt, vice-president; Carl Begin, events chairman; Denise Lunt, secretary; and Jill Carpenter, treasurer.

President Fred Carleton said they are "always willing to help students in (financial) distress."

Last Christmas, they lent $200 to a student to help her buy gifts for her children. At their annual Christmas party for students with families last year, they distributed gifts to more than 200 children.

They purchased a tool box for the industrial maintenance mechanics shop, donated $600 for videotapes for the library, and helped pay for antibiotics for the nurse's office.

The Senate also organizes extra-curricular activities such as pool tournaments, ski trips, and barbecues. This summer they are planning to enter a raft in the Great Niagara River Race.

The Senate office, located on the third floor, used to be an elevator — the buttons are still outside the door. In order to help students locate jobs, they placed a job opportunity board outside the office.

The Senate has an activity room at the back of the cafeteria where all students can relax on the comfortable furniture or enjoy a game of pool.

Recently they purchased a $3,000 pool table and donate 10 per cent of the money they receive for its use to various charities. They also raise money from vending machines and have a trust fund of more than $100,000.

Fred said the proposed repairs to the building are badly needed. Students taking the English as a Second Language course, who outnumber all other students, are "taking away a bad image of Niagara College." He said he saw one student who "had to use a scraper to clean off the grime in order to see out a window."

The Senate is trying to obtain a smoking area in the college, and have drafted a plan for a smoking room. Fred took the plans to the College Council, but said the issue has been "passed on to a committee and lifted from college discussion. Our goal is to make a decision for or against a designated smoking area."

Mr. Trimboli said the Senate members are "doing a lot of things that they generated on their own. Fred's enthusiasm rubs off on everyone else."

Fred is proud of the accomplishments they have made so far. "This is the best Senate we've ever had."

Spring ahead 1 hour

Daylight Savings Time originated in the early 1900s as a way of adding more hours in the day, thereby reducing the amount of electrical power needed at night.

Today, it's a tedious task that must be done if you hope to make it to work on time.

Searching for the manual that states how to set your kitchen clock, your VCR, your microwave, or your car radio is a pain in itself, let alone figuring out how it works. Yet, this should be done twice a year every year if you want the correct time.

April and October are the two seasonal changes in a year, and are also recognized as the time when our clocks are changed — ahead in April and back in October.

At 2 a.m. this Saturday or early Sunday depending on how you perceive it to be, don't forget to "spring" your clock ahead one hour. Then, you can place your manual aside — at least until the fall anyway.

Dance hall dreams

Wind tossed waves and skeletal tree limbs frame the desolate remains of the once-glamorous Erie Beach dance hall along Lake Erie's shoreline. The facility, at one time, offered the best in live band music to many patrons from Buffalo, N.Y. and Fort Erie.

Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Recession 'easing' experts predict

By MARK POWLEY
Staff Writer

Despite the fact many Canadian businesses are facing a bleak spring and summer, there are some signs the country's ecomony is getting better.

Canada's recession should end within the next year, Willard Wright, an instructor in the Human Relations program at Niagara College, said.

"There are some signs now it (the recession) is easing slightly."

He said the latest stock market climb and a drop in oil prices are indications the economy is getting better.

Anthony Goss, an instructor of business and law at the college, agrees. "The gloomy economic atmophere should end sometime next year."

Because the federal government is dealing with a $38 billion deficit, Dr. Goss said the federal government is injecting fewer dollars into job-creation programs.

The unemployment rate in Niagara Region for February was estimated at 13 per cent, according to figures supplied by the Unemployment Insurance Commission office in St. Catharines.

"Heavy industry feels the crunch first and is one of the last industries to come out of it (the recession)," Mr. Wright said.

"The automobile domestic big three (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler) are laying people off, all affecting people in this area," he said.

"We're out of the worst of it," Brian Simmons, president of Remax Welland Realty Ltd., said.

He said more consumers "are now looking" and interest rates are coming down. "There's more consumer confidence. The war (Persian Gulf war) is over and the goods and services tax is now in the back of people's minds." He said the realty market is increasing.

Mr. Wright said high interest rates and the conservation of money — consumers not spending — are two reasons why the economy is suffering.

People fear for the future, savings go up, retailers feel the pinch and layoffs result, he said.

Recession creates uncertainty, Bruce Tallon, a psychology instructor at the college, said.

"It's a way of telling the economy it's time to change strategies that don't work and are still being used."

Mr. Tallon said consumers should attempt to "work off" their existing debt and increase their purchasing power. Another alternative is to find a second job and "offset inflationary pressures," he said.

According to many economic experts, the Bank of Canada is responsible for the economic dilemma facing the country. In its annual report, the Bank of Canada's main goal is to cut inflation by keeping interest rates high. However, many economic experts fear high interest rates cause higher unemployment rates.

A recession is measued on two full quarters of negative growth, based on the Gross Domestic Product.

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Ramifications of Persian Gulf war, economic stability worries instructor

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

A Niagara College instructor is concerned about the aftermath of the Persian Gulf war and the possible ramifications of the war and the economic stability of the region.

"Severe political tensions and instability in Iraq will not lead to a lasting peace, Iraq is a slum...no running water, medical facilities or food," Jim Nicholas, an economics, political and social science teacher at the college, told interviewers on 'Let's Talk', a CRNC talk show. The hosts are Cindy Logan and Doug Ryckman, third-year broadcasting radio and television students.

Mr. Nicholas was invited on the program to discuss his opinions about how the crisis in Kuwait and Iraq may finally be resolved.

"Saddam Hussein is an evil fool who, in his miscalculation of the military strength of the allies, led his country to ruin. It boggles the mind — no stone was left unturned."

Mr. Nicholas said the Iraqi threat was greatly exaggerated by American propaganda. "Saddam was a toothless tiger, the allies were essentially against themselves as Iraq's war machine was built by the allies — including Canada."

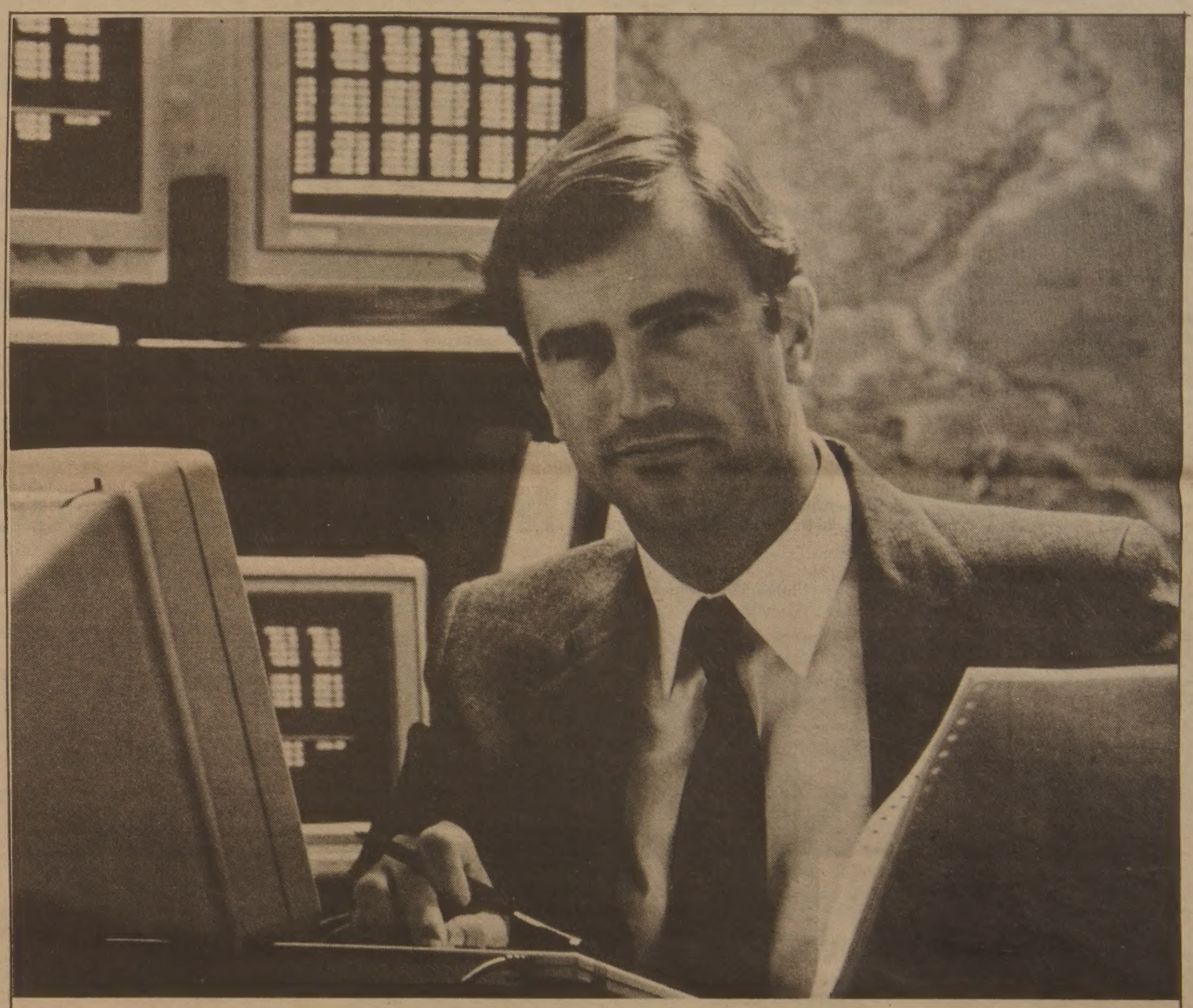
When asked about the technologically advanced weapons used throughout the course of the war Mr. Nicholas said, "I fear further escalation of the arms race as there will be an appetite for more of these weapons."

Mr. Nicnolas said the United Nations sanctions were not given sufficient time to work. The United States and Britain seemed to have other priorities in order to facilitate their commencement of the conflict. Oil prices were soaring and the general economies of the majority of the allied countries were in decline.

He said the war enabled the allies to annihilate Kuwait and therefore ensure the possibility of financial gain in the reconstruction of Kuwait. The environmental disaster caused by the oil fields burning will threaten the ecology of the Gulf for decades. "Damage to the environment was severe during the course of the war as the military was given priority over the environment."

"Unfortunately, the environment cannot be taken into consideration as the economic rehabilitation of these areas must take precedence."

Mr. Nicholas said the allies are responsible for rebuilding Kuwait and Iraq to an extent; there should be no reason for further aggression toward neighboring countries. "A strong political restructuring of Kuwait and possibly Iraq is the only means for a peaceful ending to the disaster."



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Radio broadcasting mixes work and play

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

If ever you're listening to the Niagara College radio station, CRNC, between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and you like what you hear, thank Bob Johnson, one of the men behind the scenes.

Mr. Johnson, originally from Prince Edward Island, is the radio teacher for first-year broadcasting students. "It's fun," he said. "It's a challenge."

Mr. Johnson, 56, has been in radio for 38 years. "Most of the time, it was hard to tell where work stopped and play began," he said with a chuckle. "It was part of a lifestyle."

Mr. Johson worked at St. Catharines radio station, CKTB, from the time he was 21 years old, and before working there, he was employed at Summerside, P.E.I.'s CJRW. He began teaching at Niagara College four years ago.

"It's so great though, when you think of it, to move on and do something different," he said.

He enjoys teaching at the college, more so than working at CKTB. "Radio is show business now." Not that he minds the business aspect of radio; he just believes money shouldn't be the first thing cconsidered. Good programming should be number 1, and with it, money should follow. Teaching, though, "brings a whole new aspect to my life."

Mr. Johnson left CKTB four years ago with no idea as to what he might do. A few months later, he got a call from the college asking if he was interested in teaching. He decided it would be fun — until he got here.

He tended to "expect too much from the students" at first because he had no idea just how much they knew or, more importantly, didn't know.

He admits he tries "very hard' with his students. He's fair and demanding, like when he encourages his students to dig and find their own news instead of relying on the Niagara News, but he does it in a way the students find agreeable.

Mr. Johnson claims he doesn't "lead a very exciting life, really, other than work." However, from a brief history of his leisure time, which includes a couple of years as president on the board of directors for the St. Catharines Mentally Retarded Association in the early 1980s, it is obvious Mr. Johnson spends his time advantageously. "I think that is an important part of anyone's life, to be part of the community, to give something back."

Not only do students like him, but other faculty members respect him as well. "We all seem to get along well, and we're all good friends. It's a very relaxed atmosphere," Mr. Johnson said.

Whatever he may have thought when he came, he's now "extremely encouraged by his students" and has come to love his job. his job.

One thing the students do know, however, is how much they like Mr. Johnson. "He is, by far, the nicest guy around here," said Corey Steward, second-year broadcasting student.

Students in the broadcasting department respect him, but also like him on a personal basis. Mr.

Lately, however, Mr. Johnson has been monopolizing his time for himself and his family. His wife, Jean, and his dog, Maja, will be spending their summer days by the pool in his backyard or having friends over for dinner. "That is one great advantage of being a teacher," he said. " The holidays are fantastic."

Awards presented

Blood donor clinic awards were presented Monday afternoon in the Welland campus cafeteria. Ambulance and Emergency Care program students donated the highest percentage units of blood earning the Corpsuckle Cup. Law and Security Administration program students made the highest number of donations, earning the Bud Blood Drop Jr. Doll. Accepting were, front centre, law and security administration student, Gregory Sarkisian; middle row from left, Ron Shaidle, the program co-ordinator; Martha Charnish, law and security; Terry Flynn, ambulance and emergency care; Yvette Bission, vice-president Red Cross Welland branch; third row from left, award presenter, David Schleich, vice-president academic; Daniel Kypena, law and security; Rich Chandler, Ambulance and Emergency Care program co-ordinator. Back row, Charlotte Marshall, law and security.

Photo by Abigail Kelly

Korean delegation touring various colleges in Canada

Five Korean business and education officials toured Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Tuesday.

The delegation is touring Canada, visiting various colleges and universities in Vancouver, Toronto, Calgary, and Montreal.

The delegates are touring locations of "greatest interest to Koreans" in hopes of gaining a further understanding of the Canadian educational system.

"The Canadian educational system has excellent academic programs," Jon-Kuk Park, academic relations officer of the Canadian Embassy in Korea, said.

Among the other dignitaries were Won-Joon Kim, president of WJ Kim Overseas Educational Institute; Young-Chol Kim, president of the Korean Educational Information Centre; and Eun-Woo Lim, president of the Herald Overseas Study Institute.

Attending the meeting with the Korean delegates from the college were Hugo Bessems, international student advisor; David Schleich, vice-president of academics; Dan Patterson, vice-president of community ventures; Dennis Malone, English and articulation director; and Gaylene Levesque, English as a second language instructor.

The delegation toured the Hospitality and Tourism Centre and were scheduled to visit the University of Toronto and York University.

The delegates are expected to leave Canada on April 8.

Seeing the light to butt out with laser therapy technique

By LISA WEISS
Staff Writer

For six years, Lynn Drapeau, a first-year journalism student, had a habit. A habit she knew would be impossible to break.

Until Friday, March 15 when Lynn's mother decided to take Lynn and her older brother Daniel to a place where their smoking habit could be broken.

Aculaser is a program for anyone who wants to quit smoking, but needs help doing so.

"They put a pen light on all pressure points of the body. Your ears, chest and hands," said Lynn.

"The one point on my ear hurt because that nerve was for my lungs. And another point hurt my throat because my throat was sore that day," she said.

Aculaser is a Laser Therapy Centre on Geneva Street in St. Catharines. The program costs $89 and combines "revolutionary technology for nicotine addiction and informative educational material for habit control and relaxation."

Lynn's mother decided it was time for the three of them to quit smoking after watching her God-daughter Joanna, 2, play with cigarettes and pretend to smoke them.

"She lines up little pens like a pack of cigarettes and says to her mom 'you have smoke now and I'll have smoke now' and they both sit there and smoke together," Lynn said.

Lynn's mother heard through a friend, who had laser therapy done, that it really stops your cravings for cigarettes. So she decided to take Lynn and Daniel and give it a try.

"The sensations from the therapy felt really weird, but very relaxing," Lynn said.

After her first session, Lynn went straight to work and admitted to being "a little cranky". It wasn't until about 24 hours later that Lynn started to relax and notice she had no cravings for cigarettes.

"The only time I actually think about smoking is when I'm asleep. I dream about having a cigarette and that I'm cheating. When I wake up and realize it was a dream I'm relieved," Lynn said.

After your first treatment, you return two more times for added treatments. They also give you a booklet that takes you step by step on your road to recovery. It helps you with everything from your diet and appetite control to helping you control yourself at social functions in smoke-filled areas.

It has been over three weeks since their first program. Lynn and her mother have not touched a cigarette since, but Daniel has started to smoke again.

Lynn said she does not think you need laser therapy if you want to quit smoking, but you have to be serious when deciding to quit.

"You are more willing to quit smoking if you dish out almost $100 than if you don't," she said.

Lynn believes Aculaser works. She admitted it didn't stop her from smoking all by itself, but combined with her will to want to quit — she has successfully stopped smoking.

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Top chefs cookin' it up

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

Ten teams of top chefs from Buffalo to Toronto will compete for the Canadian Federation of Chefs De Cuisine Grand Trophy to be awarded Saturday at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The 7 p.m. banquet is the first international hot food competition in marking the silver anniversary of the opening of the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls.

The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, along with the Professional Chefs Association of Niagara, are co-sponsoring the event, which is open to the public.

The teams will take a tour to the Old Stone Inn, where they will be briefed on the competition's rules and regulations. From 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the public is invited to watch the competition. The competition will be judged by a panel headed by Bruce Wilson, national president of the Canadian Federation of Chefs De Cuisine.

Mr. Wilson, along with all other judges, will choose the winning team by selecting the best two of 20 portions of the menus specifically picked for the event.

Competition chairman David Gibson, an instructor and chef at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, said he is "very happy and pleased" with the amount of entries received for the competition.

The proceeds from the banquet will go to the building of a trophy case at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre with remaining proceeds going into a scholarship fund.

Dinner tickets, which cost $75, are available from Mr. Gibson at 374-7454, or from the Niagara Bridge Commission at 354-5641.

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Entertainment

A scene from the movie in production Paradox, a project of the second-year film program at Niagara College. The entire class is involved in all aspects of the film. At left, the director, Dean Serneels.

Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Niagara College film-maker wanders halls

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

For Chrissa, the only stable person in her life is her boyfriend, Derek. He's there when she needs his support and love — until he suddenly disappears.

Chrissa's world turns upside-down — literally. The distraught girl finds herself in hell with an abusive father who turns out to be the seventh son of Satan and seven little girls chasing her.

If this sounds bizarre to you, don't fear. It's only a film called Paradox, directed by Dean Serneels and produced by Frank Gyurkovics, second-year Niagara College film students.

The story is about an introverted girl with an abnormal home life. The film follows Chrissa through hell and back, and somewhere throughout the sinister evil is a love story.

None of the actors in the film are from Niagara College. "We had lots of auditions from students, but none of them could crack it," Dean said.

Chrissa, who is a social outcast with a satanic father and a dead mother, will be performed by Christine Koffman, while Chrissa's boyfriend, Derek, will be performed by a Centennial High School student, Len Laframboise. Linda Nicholson, a professional actress, will be the dead mother, and Michael Panton, also a professional actor, who also played the father in last year's film, Danbo, by Barry McMann, will be the father, or the seventh son of Satan.

"What we are looking for right now is extras to play demons," Dean said. "We also need seven little girls in a small part where they chase Chrissa down the hallway." The production also needs a child to play a young Chrissa. "We will hopefully get these children from neighboring schools," he said.

With most of the casting complete, Dean and the crew are discussing film locations. "We are shooting a lot of the hell scenes in the studio here at the college," Dean said.

For the scene where the seven little girls chase Chrissa down the "Hallway of Hell," they will be using a high school hallway. He said he hopes it will be Eastdale High School in Welland.

Do not be afraid if you walk out into the Manera Court over the next couple of weeks and see some satanic rituals being performed. They will just be scenes from Paradox.

There are seven second-year students in the film program involved in Paradox. "We originally had 10 people in second-year film but one transferred to radio and two of them dropped out," Gino DiFilippo, assistant director, said.

The seven students were given the option of creating a script in which all of the students would read and one would be chosen. "Frank, Dean and Maurice Demers ended up finishing one," Gino said. "One day, we all read them and we each voted. Dean ended up winning."

That same day, "we each decided our positions," he said. They are as follows: Dean Serneels, director; Frank Gyurkovics, producer; Gino DiFilippo, assistant director; Chris Smith, camera; Stan Dim, continuity; Maurice Demers, lighting; and Oliver Schmid, sound recording and sound editing.

To finance the filming of the production, the students organized a pub at the Eastside Play Pen in Welland last Friday and raised $820. "I had to pay out $70 to me for the props, $40 for the raffle and $50 to pay the doorman," Dean said. In total, $660 will go toward the financing of the film.

Next year, "we will be having pubs to finance the post-production," Dean said, at which time they will have to "edit the pictures together in the sequences we want and do the sound mixing."

Dean said he does not believe there will be too many problems because on a whole, the group works fairly well together. "We've all had our spats here and there like any production does."

"But that's the fun of it."

Red Cross needs help

The Canadian Red Cross is still accepting donations for orphans, earthquake victims and other children and victims of civil war.

Although donations will be accepted indefinitely, the suggested appeal time for donations to help the earthquake and flood victims in Afghanistan will end April 30, while the suggested appeal time for donations to help orphans in Bulgaria will end August 31.

All Red Cross chapters are still accepting donations to help children and other victims in Liberia and the civilian casualities of the Persian Gulf war.

The Red Cross is neutral, independent and impartial in its assistance to victims of war and natural disasters.

For more information on making donations, please contact the Canadian Red Cross Society, 593 King St., Welland, or telephone 734-4283.

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Entertainment

Student gets the last laugh

By MARK POWLEY
Staff Writer

Tim Lock, a third-year broadcasting radio and television student, is sending out a strong signal to all stations about creativity.

Last December, 21-year-old Tim was selected from 400 applicants for an opportunity to write for the Arsenio Hall Show in Hollywood, Calif.

However, after learning he wasn't chosen to write for the show, he headed toward his other option — a job writing for the American Comedy Network.

Cliff Elford, an instructor at the college's radio program, recommended Tim's work to Ed Kelly, senior writer for the American Comedy Network. Impressed by his writing ability, Mr. Kelly asked Tim to join their internship program in Bridgeport, Conn.

On his third day, Tim began writing humorous material with two other writers of the American Comedy Network.

Tim said the American Comedy Network "is the Arsenio Hall Show of writing."

Tim was the first internship writer for the network.

He said he admires comedy writers and believes there is a technique for successful writing. "There is a formula for grabbing the listeners' attention. It's 50 per cent science and 50 per cent inspiration. You have to keep their interest," he said.

Asked how one goes about writing comedy with little experience, Tim said he started by producing copy for his high school newspaper. "There is much research involved, newspapers and record charts are scoured for events," he said.

Tim is producing a "major project" which is in the primary stages. It includes a package of humorous material, transposed on cassette, which is the vehicle for Tim's creative ideas. 'Silence of the Clams' submerges the listener into the world of underwater clams and stars Hollywood actress Jodie Foster. Another account features 'The All New Cosby Show.' Rudy Huxtable's character becomes a pregnant distraught teenager and her brother, Theo Huxtable, becomes another statistic of crime.

"It injects a dose of reality into the show," Tim jokes.

Using television stations as affiliates, the American Comedy Network broadcasts a number of humorous parodies over 275 stations throughout the world. A group of performers, writers and producers create the material for the various shows.

Tim said a "qualified comedy writer" for radio should have an excellent imagination. "You're dealing totally with sound, you have to explain yourself more in radio."

Radio student Tim Lock, 21, is "spinning" toward success. He is seen working on his latest project, a comedy demo which is being circulated to various radio stations.
Photo by Neville Lewis

Richler questions Canada's mosaic

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Solomon Gursky Was Here is a Canadian novel by Mordecai Richler, 59, a longtime resident of Montreal's Jewish community, who once said, "all my attitudes are Canadian. I'm a Canadian.

Book Review

There's nothing to be done about it."

This latest novel, a best-seller, combines comedy, adventure, satire and epic. He uses these elements masterfully producing a book that takes a true — but very unusual — look at the fabric of the Canadian soul.

Readers seeking an interesting novel while killing an hour before an appointment, then finishing it during spare time on the weekend, should avoid this book. It is more than interesting, but a more appropriate setting to read it would be alone at the lake over a long weekend.

Timing is the specific difficulty in absorbing this demanding story about four generations of Gurskys, who began with "Canada's first Jew", Ephraim Gursky, an English convict exiled to the Arctic aboard the Franklin Expedition. Being the only survivor of the doomed voyage, he spread Gurskys from Yellowknife, across the prairies and into Quebec over 1½ centuries, with the latest generation based in Montreal.

Not that Richler's timing is bad, it's the story sequence that wanders, leaping from year to year, decade to decade, century to century, refusing chronological order, demanding occasional review and requiring many pauses for recall.

Richler's timing and his writing style are superb. The intricate plot is sketched with a sometimes frightening, often humorous and usually witty, many-tiered mixture of plain good story telling and stark, pointed dialogue. His personal brand of Canadiana may be unfamiliar compared to the Ottawa inspired, textbook versions. Richler describes his melting pot theory harshly, in base ethnic terms; Canadians are largely a group of disgruntled international castaways fleeing or being flung from defeated homelands.

The book's main task of coherently joining the many disjointed Gursky stories succeeds in sketching a Canadian mosaic of similar description, all woven by Richler's unique style. The characterization is ponderous but fascinating, covering not only the vast Gursky families but also the scores of minor characters, once again taxing the memory and causing reader pause. United these characters reveal the tale of a family who started small but built a top, international, Montreal-based financial empire generated on bootlegging money amassed during Prohibition.

The book's main character is surprisingly not a Gursky but Moses Berger, the self-styled biographer of the incredible Gursky family. As the only character who appears in true chronological order, he is the thread weaving the time frames together.

This crusty Canadian novel by a gifted Montreal writer takes a strong, hard look at the Canadian way of life.

Silk screening in fashion

The first and second-year fashion arts students were treated to a guest speaker last week on the art of silk screening.

Jason Wong, owner and manager of The Silk Road, a store selling both wholesale and retail silk fabrics and fiber art supplies and accessories, visited the college and gave the students some training with silk and paint.

"They have to know the different ways...what different ways there are to bring colors together...to apply colors to different fabrics," Mr. Wong said.

Mr. Wong showed the students how to experiment with four different kinds of fabric dyes and colors. "Dyes have a very specified role in fashion arts. They do not need to know about dyes."

The students were able to better understand the concepts taught by hands-on training. All the students pitched in by painting on the fabric he supplied.

Carol Timm, fashion arts coordinator, watched as her students participated in the activity. "He gave us the technical information...things about dyes, how they react and the product knowledge that is essential to designing," she said.

"We'd love to have him back," Mrs. Timm said.

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Sports

Rob Hoath, a second-year law and security student, holds the male athlete of the year trophy, awarded to him for his participation and leadership with the Niagara College hockey team. He received his trophy at a sports banquet March 27 sponsored by the college.

Photo by Neville Lewis

Vahid Amini, a first-year health and preparatory student, holds plaques presented to him for being named the freshman athlete of the year award and most valuable player for his performance with the Niagara College volleyball team.

Photo by Neville Lewis

Athletes

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honor, but said she was "pleased with her performance this year."

Three athletes of distinction awards were given to players who achieved more than 40 points. Jeff Mazi and Kent Loach, both with the hockey team, and Brian Giles, who is with men's volleyball and touch football team, were honored with distinctions awards.

School letters were given to athletes by the coaches for their respective sports teams. Letter winners from the hockey team include Lance Parcher, Chris Smith, Jeff Mazi and Kent Loach. The other winners were Linda Boryska and Greg Upshall, golf; Tobi Campbell, Karri Goering and Cheryl McVicar, women's volleyball; and Brian Giles, men's volleyball.

A formal presentation was made by Student Administrative Council President Cory Abt to the five Niagara College athletes who received scholarships for their participation and leadership with their respective sports teams. The recipients were Rob Scriven, hockey; Vahid Amini, men's volleyball; Brian Giles, men's volleyball and touch football; Greg Upshall, curling; and Karri Goering, women's volleyball and curling.

About 80 per cent of the invited athletes attended the banquet. "I think it would have been an even greater success if 100 per cent of them attended," Peter Rylander, the college's athletic department co-ordinator, said.

"I was still pleased with the banquet. The Americana Hotel is a beautiful place, and they served a great meal."

Adjusting to life at Niagara

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Vahid Amini took the hardware at last week's annual sports award banquet sponsored by Niagara College.

Vahid won three awards, including freshman of the year, the most valuable player on the volleyball team and a school scholarship.

After the banquet, Vahid said he knew he played well, but was "surprised" to win three awards.

Vahid, a health science preparation student, has been playing volleyball for five years. Although admitting he plays soccer better than volleyball, he won an award for his volleyball skills.

The 24-year-old has been accepted at Brock University in St. Catharines to continue his studies. He is following in his older brother's footsteps.

His older brother not only went to Brock, but he played volleyball as well and won the athlete of the year award at Brock. His brother is about one foot taller than Vahid, who stands six feet two inches.

While Vahid talks, he hesitates a little searching for the right word in English.

"I just learned English this year."

Before coming to Canada, he left his home in Iran and toured different countries.

He came to Niagara College because of the school's reputation for excellence. Some of the courses Vahid takes include lab work in chemistry and biology, physics, English and mathematics.

While living in Canada, Vahid has become westernized in his tastes. He likes music by Phil Collins and Bette Midler and acting by Tom Cruise.

However, he wasn't prepared for some of the entertainment he witnessed in the Niagara region. After last week's banquet, he was shown a popular Lundy's Lane dancing establishment. He talked about his adventures shyly at first and then laughed about them.

"I made a lot of friends last night," he said. "You know, I really want to thank the college for giving me and the other athletes a lot of support and care this season."

Soccer team ties 3-3

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

For the third time this season, the Niagara College men's soccer team had to settle for a tie.

Niagara could not capitalize on offensive scoring opportunities. The result was a 3-3 tie with Fort Erie in a game played Tuesday night at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

Fort Erie opened the scoring, but Dag Tesfaye put Niagara on the scoresheet midway through the first half.

Niagara goalie Darren O'Grady was quick on his feet, but Fort Erie capitalized on a rebound to make the score 2-1.

In the second half, Niagara's Steve McIntyre scored a goal to tie the game.

O'Grady's quick reflexes kept the score tied until the final minutes of the game.

Frank Serra scored the final goal for Niagara, but immediately following the go-ahead goal, Fort Erie scored its third goal of the game.

"We gave them their last goal," said Niagara coach Ed Fox. "Their last goal wasn't supposed to be a rebound, but we panic on defence."

On March 26, Niagara goalie Steve McIntyre made key saves throughout their game with Rheingold, but Niagara lost 2-1.

Len Camelino scored the only goal for Niagara.

"What can I say for that game, it was another one-goal loss," said Fox.

The team's record is one win, four losses and three ties. Niagara's next game will be Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

A fun time for golfers

Attention all college employees! The Niagara College Golf Invitational is looking for you. If you know how to golf or just want to have some fun, keep Friday, May 24 open.

Anyone who works at an Ontario college,or who is a business associate can play.

The 18-hole event costs $150. The tournament will raise funds for the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The event will take place at the Whirlpool Golf Course in Queenston Heights. A practice round will be held May 23 with the tournament a day later.

All interested golfers can call Barbara Fonfara at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls for further information.

The deadline for registration is April 19.

Golfers needed for tournament

Golfers are needed for the fifth annual Niagara Classic, a charity golf tournament organized by Niagara College second-year business-sales students.

The tournament will be held Sunday, May 5 at the Willo-Dell Country Club in Niagara Falls. The $45 cost includes 18 holes of golf and a banquet dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are available from second-year business-sales students or in ME104A.

"We sold 60 tickets last year, and we want to sell all 100 for this year," business-sales student Michael Folemsbee said.

Additional tickets are available to anyone interested in attending only the banquet. The cost is $20 for each person. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Proceeds from this tournament will go to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society.

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College student seeks title of Rose Queen

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

CHARLENE BRADLEY

Charlene Bradley, 20, is a Niagara College student and one of the 10 young women competing for the title of Rose Queen in Welland. The contest takes place in June.

She is a poised, petite young woman with dark hair and dark eyes. Charlene became involved in the contest just three weeks ago. She was chosen from among 20 other women who applied as contestants.

She is sponsored by the Professional Firefighters association in Welland. They gave her the money she needs for a sash and a dress for the occasion.

"I think the experience will be good," she said. "It's really exciting and it will help me to learn more about what's happening in Welland. It would be nice to win."

She said she has no plans to enter other contests if she wins. She will be graduating from her Early Childhood Education program this month. She said she hopes one day to operate a day-care centre or go to university and become a junior kindergarten teacher.

"My course involves a lot of presentations in front of the class." she said. "It's to get used to speaking to children but it's good practise for public speaking. As contestants, we were told that this is not a beauty contest. We are judged more on how we speak and on our personality."

Charlene is one of two children. She has a brother, 22, who recently graduated from a stationary engineering course at the college.

"My parents are proud," she said with a smile. "My father bought a whole bunch of the newspapers I was in."

"I hate to see poor people and little kids starving," she said. "I would like to see peace. And I am concerned about the environment."

Until the contest takes place in June she will be very busy taking speech classes, poise classes, make-up and hair demonstrations.

If she wins she will get a trip to Florida and will be expected to represent Welland for a year. Her responsibilities will include speaking at special events happening in the city.

"What's nice is that if you don't get picked as one of the five we all still get to be in the Rose parade," she said. "We still get to be part of it."

The Rose Queen will be chosen June 21 at the Ukrainian Culture Centre, 40 McCabe St., Welland, at 7:30 p.m.

'Real experience' helps students

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

Sixty-three students of the Educational Resources and Special Needs program are on work placement this week.

However, it is not a new experience for the first or second-year students, who have been helping at various community agencies one day a week since the beginning of the year.

"A broad range of choices leads to a broad range of employment opportunities," Elvira Lucas, program co-ordinator, said. "It is a project-oriented program with related assignments throughout the year."

"We give them the theory (but the students) gain benefits of real experience and at the same time, it is an effective way of evaluating. Learning by doing is the best experience in a real situation."

Sue Csikos, a second-year student who works with Community Options at the college, said "the staff is supportive and very helpful, (especially as they) supervise during the work placement. They assist the students in finding one area that is best suited to you."

Mrs. Lucas said "some don't realize their capabilities" so the instructors can match where they see abilities, then an offer for a full-time job may occur where it wasn't expected. "You really get to know where extra talent is needed," she said.

Three staff members, Mrs. Lucas, Pat Frank, and Bev Brown, are responsible for the work placement and evaluations.

"It allows the college to be aware and keep up with the necessary changes," Mrs. Lucas said. "We learn what to do with the curriculum, and how to upgrade projects."

"It is good public relations for the college to have instructors out (to evaluate). We feel any problems are a reflection of our own teaching."

In field placement classes, the students are able to dicuss expectations, changing trends, and different situations in which they find themselves. With this help, the instructors try to match the student's choices of areas they are interested in to get the best work experience. It is neccessary in the first term to work in a school setting and in the second and third term, in a residential area, to get a broader aspect of choice.

For example, Todd Klacko, a second-year student who is "glad that I'm finally qualified to go out there," is placed with Community Living in Fort Erie where he is a counsellor for the group home. Todd has been working at the agency on a part time basis, so it is not a new situation to him.

He would like "to get with the board of education, public or private, it doesn't matter."

Other placements include the Ontario March of Dimes, the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, various group homes for young offenders and the college Vocational Program. Some students help with the Ontario Basic Skills for Adults like Cathy Crichton, a second-year student who said she "enjoys it very much."

Many students see employment at a board of education as a long-term goal.

Jennifer Mander, a second-year student whose placement is with Eastdale Secondary School in Welland, assists with programs for a segregated group with special needs.

Mrs. Lucas said this program is unique in the province. A few other colleges have started similar programs, "but not (with as) broad a spectrum."

The program is 23 years old. With three or four more courses, it is possible for the graduates to earn their Developmentally Handicapped Services Worker certificate to work at a top pay scale.

Sue prefers to use the word "challenged" because it is "not devaluing to anyone. Everyone is challenged in some way," Sue said. "I'm definitely ready to go to work."

♡ THE HEART FACTS

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

Q. *Is there a direct link between smoking and heart disease?*

A. Yes! Smokers have a much higher risk of dying from heart disease and stroke than non- smokers. Smoking accounts for thousands of deaths in Canada each year.

TV reading system coming to college

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Special Needs office is expecting a closed circuit television reading system called Vantage for its four visually impared students within the next two weeks.

The Vantage is a television camera and screen. Textbooks, tests and handouts can be placed under the camera which enlarges the print of the written material. The enlarged print appears on the screen enabling the students to read it. The Vantage makes it possible for students to write tests themselves, "instead of having a reader or someone write (the tests) for them," Caroline Gruhl, special needs assistant, said. The system "will be available through the Special Needs office only," she said.

In the future, there will be equipment ordered for different levels of visually impaired students. Including a mobile print-enlarging computer that can be taken to class and a vocalized computer that reads written material and vocalizes each word.

The mobile computer is no different from any other computer, except it has a zoomtext, which enlarges the print of written material, "so they (the students) can see it better," Mrs. Gruhl said.

The next step in technology is the Arkenstone computer. Along with the program the Arctic Voice, the Arkenstone will enable students with visual impairments and learning disabled students to "put a textbook under the machine and the machine will read the text for them, so they can study independently. It's really fantastic," Mrs. Gruhl said.

The cost for all three systems is estimated at $11,100. "Stevie Wonder has a Kurtzweihl reader (computer), but it is between $15,000 and $20,000 (U.S.)," Mrs. Gruhl said.

The Special Needs department cannot afford such computers.

Mrs. Gruhl is excited about the new technology for the students with visual impairments. She is certain the computers will attract more students to the college in the future.

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Graduate back to finish film

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

It has taken almost a year to complete, but Danbo, a film project by third-year broadcast radio and television students, is finally being finished.

The work is being done by 26-year-old Barry McMann, a student who graduated last spring.

Barry couldn't stand the fact the film had not been completed. He has returned with a battalion of experience behind him.

"It's a labor of love," he said. "It was a dream for me."

The film is powerful enough to draw Barry back from the workforce. From his childhood, Barry has "always loved photography and always loved film."

He had the opportunity to write and direct the 20-minute play, while also writing the music, with two of the three musical numbers written by Sherman Arnold, a third-year film student, and Larry Sweircz, a full-time musician.

During last year, work on the film was delayed by the teachers' strike at the college. There were also other setbacks in the production of the film, but to Barry — none of that really mattered. The fact remained, the film was left unfinished.

After graduating from Niagara, Barry was hired by Cinelectric Productions of St. Catharines as a "line producer". The job included video editing and production, audio production and the production of an audio cassette program for Gary Page, a teacher at the college.

Barry said he wasn't sure whether to take the job at Cinelectric or go to Toronto which offered greater job opportunities. He decided to work at Cinelectric.

After three months on the job, he was laid off and soon realized he missed an opportunity in not going to Toronto.

He said the other people who graduated with him were now three months ahead of him.

He works on a freelance basis in the film business in Toronto. His official title is production assistant and playback operator. He's worked on music videos for such talents as Miles Hunter, Candi and the Backbeats, Alfi Zappacosta and John Bottomley.

In the latter video, "I got to be the assistant director," Barrie said. "It was pretty exciting."

He has also worked on television commercials. He is particularly proud of the commercial where a bank robber is coaxed out of the bank by police using a bowl of Raisin Bran.

Barry is proud of his accomplishments, but "being a production assistant is the most inglorious job.

"You're the first one to be called in the morning and you're the last one to leave."

Not that he minds the long hours, but the work "is not as easy as it may seem."

However, the film business in Toronto is "slow". He hopes to have Danbo completed by the end of the school year.

"If I had a motto, it would be 'success comes to those who go out and get it,' " he said. "But I've got a long way to go yet."

Statistics about women

1. Women make up 51 per cent of the Canadian population.
2. In 1986, single-parent families accounted for 13 per cent of all families with the majority headed by a woman.
3. Women represent 73 per cent of low-income elderly.
4. In 1987, women earned 66 cents for every dollar men earned. In 1990, it's the same.
5. In 1988, women made up 54 per cent of all university students and 53 per cent of full-time community college students.
6. Females born in 1986 have a life expectancy of 80 years. Males born in 1986 have a life expectancy of 73 years.
7. Lung cancer among women has doubled since 1976.

Easter draw winners

The winners of the college's Vocational program Easter-basket draw were announced last week.

Valerie Grabove, an English instructor, won first prize, a basket filled with such goodies as chocolate and lottery tickets valued at about $60.

Brent Todd, a law and security student, won second prize, a similar basket but with only half the goodies.

Proceeds from the draw will be used to send the students of the Vocational program to see Phantom of the Opera in Toronto.

♡ THE HEART FACTS

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

Q. *Is exercise important in preventing heart attacks?*

A. Yes. Regular exercise is part of a healthy lifestyle. In a physically fit body, the heart, lungs and blood vessels work more efficiently. It helps control weight and helps manage your stress level too.

Q. *Is high blood pressure dangerous?*

A. Yes. When your blood pressure is too high, it places an increased strain on the heart as it pumps blood through the body. High blood pressure can result in an enlarged heart, congestive heart *failure, hardening of* the arteries, heart attack, stroke or kidney disease.

For more information on these or other facts, please contact your nearest office of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Seafood extravaganza April 12

The Great Canadian Seafood Extravaganza is a seafood palate that would make Captain Highliner's stomach grumble with anticipation.

Sponsored by the Niagara College Foundation, more than 300 people are expected to attend the dinner, set for Friday, April 12 at the Victoria Park Restaurant in Niagara Falls.

Proceeds from the dinner, which costs $75 a person, will go to the Hospitality and Tourism Centre's fundraising campaign.

"We're expecting a full turnout," Esther Dockman, secretary to the college's Board of Directors, said.

Tax receipts will be issued for the tickets.

The dinner includes lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, crayfish, snow crab, shrimp, scallops, perch, pickerel, smelts, lake trout, Atlantic Salmon, smoked salmon, squid, whitefish, eels and smoked trout. Dinner is set for 7 p.m. with a reception at 6:30 p.m.

Chrysler donates to auto program

Chrysler Canada has donated a 1991 Jeep Wrangler to the automotive program at Niagara College.

The vehicle will be used by all areas of the automotive program and "will be a valuable learning tool."

It is through the co-operation of organizations such as Chrysler Canada that Niagara College "is better able to meet the educational needs of its students," Niagara College President John Saso stated in a press release.

"It's going to be a great benefit and it shows the level of support by the Big Three (Chrysler, General Motors and Ford)," George Rowbottom, director of manufacturing and trades division, said.

The vehicle is valued at about $20,000.

Green tips for spring housecleaning

Editor's Note: The following information, written by Niagara News staff writer Helen Parkinson, is provided as a public service.

Did you know:
— the world's deserts are growing at a rate of six million hectares (the size of Nova Scotia) per year.
— 14 hectares of forest are cut down every minute.
— 24 billion tonnes of fertile topsoil are destroyed every year.
— one species reaches extinction every hour of every day.

Environmentalists say it's time to re-think the way we live. But many cry 'I can't live without it!' Being conscious of the environment does not mean the necessities we have grown accustomed to must be deleted from our lives.

This is the first in a series of environmental tips.

Baking soda, vinegar and ammonia — alone or in various combinations — are environmentally-friendly alternatives to brand name cleaning products. Borax is a good substitute for bleach and is easier on clothes.

Warning: these chemicals alone are not harmful to the environment, but mixed with other chemicals could prove to be toxic.

The following are recipes for products that 'we can't live without'.

Window cleaner: 1 tbsp. vinegar to 1 quart warm water; or ½ cup ammonia, ½cup white vinegar and 2 tbsp. cornstarch mixed in a bucket of warm water.

Furniture cleaner: three parts olive oil, one part vinegar.

Oven cleaner: water and baking soda help maintain daily shine. Larger spills require an immediate sprinkle with salt, brush when cool. Scouring with baking soda helps eliminate hard to clean spots. For a really dirty oven place ¼ cup ammonia and water in a shallow non-aluminum dish. *Leave the dish in the centre of the* oven overnight. Allow oven to ventilate in the morning before cleaning. Baking orange peels later will alleviate the odor of ammonia.

Consumers have a major role to play in the existence of the environment. By refusing to purchase goods that are overpackaged and harmful to the environment, the longevity of such products will dwindle.

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Association helps 'survivors' adjust

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Of the 44 people a day, in Ontario alone, who suffer severe head injuries, up to 16 per cent will be permanently disabled.

These people, who call themselves "survivors" just as other groups call themselves victims or classmates, suffered enough when their injuries caused them traumatic brain injury, but the cause is only the beginning.

They are the "clients" of the Head Injury Association of Niagara, 112 Queenston St., St. Catharines, and because of the physical, intellectual and behavioral consequences of their injuries, they will never fully return to their old lifestyle.

More than 50 per cent of the injuries are from traffic accidents and more than 60 per cent of the survivors are under 35 years of age. Because brain injury is not well defined in medical terms, neither are the living problems of the survivors. Damage to the frontal lobe is the most common injury; inability to perform everyday tasks easily is the most common result.

Jacqui Graham, 29, of St. Catharines, is a survivor. The victim of a traffic accident, she is not only one of the Head Injury Association of Niagara's 120-member client list, but also a full-time employee at the office.

"I can remember what I did half-an-hour before the accident but nothing more," she said.

The attractive blonde woman speaks clearly but with difficulty and a deliberate slowness, mannerisms people often mistake for other kinds of handicaps.

The simple things in life, like "getting dressed" become challenges for herself and other survivors, Ms. Graham said. "I have to work harder for things other people take for granted. I get up at 6:30 a.m. just to get to work by 9 a.m."

Although the health-care system initially saves many survivors' lives, it does little to care for them afterward. Besides physical therapy or private treatment, there is no follow-up program. Only the association's efforts provide survivors with help in dealing with the behavioral and intellectual consequences.

Tanya Nixon, 24, of St. Catharines and chapter coordinator for the Niagara association, said the Head Injury Association was started by Ray Rempel, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who realized there was nowhere for survivors to turn for help after his own son became a victim following a 1980 traffic accident.

"Our goal is to advocate on behalf of the survivors," Ms. Nixon said.

Although the association has applied for government assistance, Ms. Nixon said the non-profit organization is privately funded. With a small office staff, they rely largely on volunteers to work with and to support the survivors under their newly-initiated "befriending program."

The main objective of the association, through the befriending program, is "to offer support for the survivors," who, because of their injury-altered lifestyle, have "lost friends" and are "unable to have normal social lives," Ms. Nixon said.

They now have only two volunteers to help the 120 survivors. "We're trying to get (the program) started...trying to match up volunteers with survivors on a similar-interest basis," she said. Simply there to provide the survivors with a friend, a social contact, the volunteers work "once a week for a few hours."

However, concerned and interested people not only must have "patience and a good sense of humor" and "be able to understand what they're dealing with," but also must be "committed to the friendship" as volunteers, Ms. Nixon said.

"We'll sit down anytime and discuss it with potential volunteers...we need as many as we can get."

As much as they rely on volunteers for help in their recovery, survivors also rely on each other for moral and emotional support through a self-help group called Genesis.

Tom Kenoski, the group's president of St. Catharines, said Genesis meets once a month (the last Sunday) at the Children's Centre next to the Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre, St. Catharines.

"It's a place where fellow survivors can talk...while we can't talk easily to others about it, we can talk to each other," he said. "Genesis allows us an outlet to relate to each other."

Ms. Nixon said the association works hard to educate the public about the exact nature of their needs. "Education will help relieve the fear of the unknown in the public's eye."

This public awareness is made possible through talks and presentations given by the association's "educators" at schools, parent-teacher meetings and hospitals.

"If only we had 10 educators," Ms. Nixon said.

"People don't know the widespread effect of head injuries."

"We try to promote the use of helmets...53 per cent could be prevented using helmets."

The number of survivors is growing rapidly because of continued advancement in techniques and technology to save lives. Loss of memory, motor function and self-esteem are a few problems facing survivors.

However, with help through the Head Injury Association of Niagara, some "are able to find themselves again," Ms. Graham said. "I'm working again. I want to stress that."

A call for help from the Head Injury Associaton of Niagara has not gone unanswered at Niagara College.

"A small number of our students were involved," Elvira Lucas, educational resources and special needs instructor, said.

The students were volunteers at the new St. Catharines chapter of the association as part of their school program. The volunteers got to know survivors from September to December last year (the fall semester) while working out of the association's new offices at 112 Queenston St.

The Head Injury Association of Niagara has a shortage of volunteers. Anyone who feels they could become a friend to a survivor is asked to drop into the office or call 984-5058.

Navy officers visit college

Recruitment offered as 'another alternative'

By CAROL KERSTEMAN
Staff Writer

It is educational, challenging, and exciting. It is an alternative to run-of-the-mill assembly jobs. It is rewarding, both financially and personally. It is a career in the Canadian Navy.

Niagara College recently held a seminar on the Skilled Trade Entry Program, a career alternative offered by the navy to men and women with diplomas in technological and electrical fields.

Chief Petty Officer Craig Calvert and Petty Officer Brian Fisher, both from the Halifax naval base, and Petty Officer Tim Muise, of the St. Catharines recruitment office, attended the seminar offering a video and an explanation of what being in the service is about, and to answer questions students had regarding the program.

The program takes 18 months to complete, as opposed to the possible 54 months under normal recruitment. A recruit must hold a valid two or three-year diploma in technician/technologist or electrical programs.

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Petty Officer Fisher said almost right from the start a recruit is involved in the actual work he or she is training for because there are no academics needed. "They've already done that part."

He said the lifestyle was a complete change with a lot of travel, and the hands on experience consists of using the "cream of the crop of technology."

"Here's a chance to live the adventure," he said.

The program is not confined to young people. The minimum age is 17 (with parental consent), but the maximum age limit could be 52 (taking into consideration the basic commitment of three years and mandatory retirement at age 55), so mature students are not necessarily exempt, Petty Officer Muise said.

Robert Koudijs, of Gould Road in Port Colborne, was at the seminar representing his class. He agreed the program was "another alternative" that should be examined.

"There's a very good feeling on the job," Chief Petty Officer Calvert said. "There's a real sense of accomplishment. Even as a manager, you don't lose touch with your people."

The idea of the seminar was to alert graduates to what was being offered, not to actually "recruit people", he said.

"So many people have a preconceived idea about what the military is like, from television and movies. There is no doubt it's very different but there are a lot of negative ideas that are very wrong about our jobs," Chief Petty Officer Calvert said.

Anyone not able to attend the seminar, but interested in more details, is invited to see Judy Stankus at the Co-op office, or call the local recruitment office in St. Catharines at 684-4325.

Petty Officer Brian Fisher, left, and Chief Petty Officer Craig Calvert visited the college and discussed career alternatives offered by the navy to men and women.
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Local band's dream coming true

By TARA GRIGG
Staff Writer

For most young university and college students who have a part-time job, there is little time for anything else.

However, for 22-year-old Todd DeRocco, a first-year visual and creative arts and design student at Niagara College, there is something else. It's called Nouveau Terrace.

Nouveau Terrace is a St. Catharines-based band together for the past two years. The band includes four members: frontman John 'Face' McNamara (lead vocals and keyboards), Darren Platakis (guitar), Greg Furminger (bass), and Todd (drums).

When Nouveau Terrace perform, they also enlist the help of one keyboard player and back-up singers.

For the last six months, the group has been working hard at getting a recording contract. In January, they received interest from some well-known record companies - looking to sign a band for a recording contract.

Nouveau Terrace is recognized in the Canadian music industry and has recently strengthened ties with Gil Moore from the band Triumph and Gordon Deppe of the Spoons. Music lawyer Steven Stohn who handles many of the biggest acts in Canada helps complete the picture. Mr. Stohn recently took Nouveau Terrace's latest demonstration tape to be distributed to others in the Canadian music industry in Cannes, France.

All members of the band are friends and have a 'strong relationship' outside the band as well.

"All four of us have the same goals and want to make music our lives," Greg said.

The band's original material is power pop rock. Influences are many, including Rush and Genesis.

"We are an original band out of St. Catharines and there aren't many," John said.

Nouveau Terrace believes music companies are looking for something different since most of the music coming out now all sounds the same.

"Our music is fresh, new, and has a commercial sound. Our lyrics are very personal and many people can relate to them," Darren said.

"Whether people just listen to our music or read our lyrics on the album cover, they can probably say that's happened to us," he said.

All members combine their energy and musical tastes into songs that have incredible sound.

Songs such as 'She Can't Hide' and 'Daydream Dancing' have major energy and are easy to dance to. "They just flow," Greg said.

Nouveau Terrace is managed by Toronto producer Ira Brown. Mr. Brown has taken great care of the band and they owe much of their success to him. "He's very influential and helps keep our feet on the ground. He's a good friend and has put much time and effort into the band," Greg said.

Nouveau Terrace became associated with Mr. Brown after sending him a demonstration tape. After listening to it, he was interested. With assistance from executive producer Glenn Chong, Nouveau Terrace and Mr. Brown were recording original songs at the Metal Works studio in Toronto after a few months.

One can also find Nouveau Terrace recording at Harlow Sound, owned by Greg English, with Liz Soderberg, lead singer from Mad About Plaid and 'Jillian', who recently toured with Glass Tiger doing back up vocals.

Nouveau Terrace has appeared on CITY TV's Breakfast Television and recently headlined RACE (Rock Against Cancer Everywhere). The band plays at many local clubs across the Niagara Region. They recently ended second at the local Labatt's Blue Band Warz competition.

"If there's 100 people present or one person there, we always play our best," Greg said.

Nouveau Terrace plans to make a career out of music and hope for a life of fame and fortune. "We have to remember the people who got us here because you can be big but it really doesn't matter unless you remember who you are and where we you came from," John said.

"We are a team and we work very hard and are proud of where we are," says Todd.

Nouveau Terrace is planning a tour across Ontario beginning next month and then are preparing to record their debut album.

Pearly pinks prove positive participation

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

"Information" and "education" were words used by Pat Hughes, a general college student, and Phil Rudachuk, a first-year business administration student, in describing Dental Awareness Day held March 22.

Sharon Devreede, Brenda St. Pierre and Sharnie Timoteo, three dental assistant students in charge of the project, were "pleased with the day's turnout."

Many of the voluteers who took the plaque test were generally "impressed" with the information shared at the demonstration.

"It showed me I need to floss more," Karen Beattie, a first-year accelerated business administration student, said. "And I got a free toothbrush out of the deal."

Each participant got a toothbrush donated by Butler, Extra gum and advice on how to decrease plaque buildup between dental visits.

Steve Falusi, a second-year broadcasting radio and television student, and better known on radio as Stevie Dees, said after the test "I want to suck your neck." Asked if he learned anything new, he said "Yes, it doesn't pay to have halitosis (bad breath)."

Anyone embarrassed by pink teeth were given a cup of Listermint to run to the bathroom for a quick brush.

About 100 people took the test which was "better than I expected," Sharnie said. "It finished at 1 p.m. even though enough interest (was generated) to continue until 4 p.m."

Although many passers-by needed a little convincing initially — partly because they had just eaten and partly because they didn't want pink teeth all day — the majority of people enjoyed the experience of learning something new about their teeth.

"It took you back to your childhood," Lisa Pratt, a first-year journalism student, said. "It scares you into thinking you really should go to the dentist."

The winner of the 'guess the number of spools of floss' was Dennis Meechan. He was the only person who correctly guessed 217. He won a waterpik donated by the Teledyne Company.

"We would like to thank the staff and students for their support," Brenda said. "And we would like to thank Oral-B Butler and the Student Administrative Council for their donations."

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Soviet student excels at Niagara

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

Khatchid Kharazian, 32, is a second-year computer programming student at Niagara College and a former resident of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Kharazian, from the Republic of Armenia, came to Canada six years ago on a work related exchange program. When he lost his job after three years he decided to stay in Canada. The federal government supported his decision and he became a Canadian resident. He said he changed his middle name to Archie for the benefit of Canadian people. He is known by Archie to his peers and teachers.

When he first came to Canada, he attended a multicultural school in St. Catharines. A year later he went to Mohawk College in Hamilton for English courses. He soon attended school full time.

"I was having difficulty with my papers," he said. "I was evaluated and given the equivalent of grade 11 which surprised me because I have a university education in psychology, theology and logic. Because of my language I couldn't use these skills to find a job."

Mr. Kharazian had a job in the Soviet Union as the director of a central museum.

Mr. Kharazian decided to take a night course in computer fundamentals at Niagara College's Welland Campus and discovered he was interested in computers.

Pursuing his studies full time, he is doing well and will graduate this month. He said he hopes to find a job where he can please his employer and have job satisfaction. He is impressed with the Canadian educational system.

"I like it better than the Soviet Union," he said. "Here, you have choices and you can select general or in my case, computer electives. In the U.S.S.R. it is different. There are no choices."

"Let's say you decide to take psychology. They have a fixed number of courses. If you don't pass one course in the year or semester, you fail all of your courses that year."

"Here, we frequently have tests. In the U.S.S.R. we only had two tests each year. The middle test covers whatever you have covered so far and the final test covers the whole year's subjects. It was hard."

Mr. Kharazian lives in an Armenian community in St. Catharines. When he lost his job, many Armenian people offered him shelter and some offered him financial help. When he started to go to college, he moved in with an Armenian family.

Although he is extremely grateful for the grants and loans provided by the government, he said he would have "found it very hard to survive" had it not been for the kindness of the people he lives with. Some friends and relatives give him financial help occasionally.

"I can concentrate all of my attention on my homework," he said. "I have no worries. It is typical of Armenian people to help each other."

Mr. Kharazian explained a large number of Armenians live outside of their homeland. They have been leaving the country for centuries because they are Christians and are surrounded geographically by Muslim countries. They often have to fight to protect their land and culture.

In the Second World War, almost two million Armenians were killed after Turkey attacked. He said we never hear about this because each country had its own interest in the war.

Mr. Kharazian said he is saddened by the situation in the U.S.S.R. He said "The U.S.S.R. is not like the U.S. There are more than 100 nationalities, more than 100 languages, and officially, they have 15 republics. Rules are set by one central government.

"Each nationality has its own culture, its own language, and its own ways of expressing their feelings. Many of the republics have unsolved business to discuss with each other, like borders, boundaries, and economic problems. Many want their independence and the central government is against this."

He said there will be social unrest and more bloodshed for a long time to come. In his opinion, it will take generations for the people to achieve the life they want.

"You cannot change a person's views after a certain age," he said. "In order to make changes, you have to teach a new generation. It will take time before they reach the level they dream of. The Soviet system is operated differently. Everything comes from the top. No one owns anything except themselves, their home and their personal belongings."

Mr. Kharazian was the first in his family to come to North America. The U.S.S.R. didn't allow the family members to leave together so they come one after another. The rest of his family lives in Los Angeles, Calif. where there is a large Armenian community.

There are 25 people in his family. He has four brothers and three sisters. They are all married. He is single. The youngest, a sister, is 26 and the eldest, a brother, is 46. They all have children. His mother is there too, along with his 92-year-old grandmother.

Does he ever want to return to his country?

"Some bright day I would like to return to visit," he said. "I owe them for my past education and everything good in me I owe to them. It's my mother land, my country, and unfortunately, it is in bad condition, economically and politically. I hope that some bright day I'll have the opportunity to visit. I'll always wish that conditions improve and that people will build their country and improve their living conditions. I'll wish they will live in peace."

College's future excites new faculty member

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources is "very pleased" about the welcome she has received from the staff and students at Niagara College.

Mrs. Boettcher's goal is primarily "to learn as much as possible at the college" and work with the staff and students. She hopes to see "continued improvement" of staff morale and plans to work on "programs that will continue to focus on student success."

She said she doesn't feel morale is lacking at the college. "In terms of staff, they're very energized; they're feeling good about the college." She said she is impressed with the staff's willingness to participate in upcoming programs. "I think students are feeling pretty stressful right now." She said this is "natural" at this time of year.

Mrs. Boettcher has not encountered any serious problems at the college. She said she has had some "interesting" experiences but nothing negative has happened. "It's been a positive experience." She has had the opportunity to meet new people, she said.

"I've been very pleased with everything I've seen so far," she said. She is especially "pleased" about the current census of all employees concerning employment equity goals.

Asked about the new student centre, she said, "I think it's exciting for the students to have worked towards this themselves." She said future students at the college should be "very appreciative" of the students who made this happen.

She said she has been getting acquainted with the staff and students "bit by bit" and has been "slowly getting around to all the different campuses."

Mrs. Boettcher is "very excited" about the college's future. She said althought there is "some hard work ahead," John Saso, college president, has put forth some "meaningful goals".

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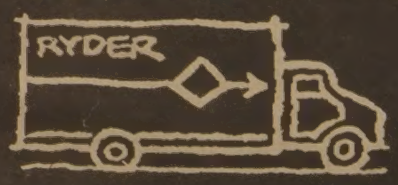

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Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Student winner to board 'excited'

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workers left their mark on the walls of all campus buildings. As well, she made numerous personal appearances. "I went right into the classrooms to tell them (students) a bit about myself," she said, adding the victory "was a direct result of campaigning."

"The biggest thing responsible for the increased turnout this year is the effort we put into our campaign," she said.

Brigitta is "sick of hearing" about "poor school spirit and apathy" as terms used to describe college activities that do not draw student interest.

Since little interest was expressed by students in voting for last year's student governor or the last two Student Administrative Council elections, "we must start small," she said. "Although not big, the increased voting and the number of people who helped me are examples of school spirit at work."

Brigitta will serve on the Board of Governors from September 1991 to August 1992. For the first time, the student governor has full voting rights at board meetings.

"I'm looking forward to a rewarding and challenging year," she said. "I'm not here to change the world. My big goal is to open communication lines at the college and try to make people and groups more aware of each other."

Treatment program aims at helping young adults

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre (Niagara) wants to start a treatment program for young adults with chemical dependencies.

"There has been a treatment gap for the 16- to 20-year-olds in the Niagara Peninsula, but the need is there," Al Baker, executive director, said.

The new program was to start in February, but, due to lack of entrants, is on hold. The centre needs four people in order to start the program, Mr. Baker said.

The first step for a person seeking treatment is to admit to the problem. The centre will help determine if the adolescent has a chemical dependency problem or is going through normal adolescent change. If the problem is chemical-related, it is important for the adolescent to be able to receive treatment with others in the same age group, Mr. Baker said.

"Roles (for adolescents) are different (from roles for adults)," he said. "Peer groups are different; responsibilities are different."

Having a separate group for the young adults will enable them to speak openly about their addictions, Mr. Baker said. An adolescent placed in the adult group may be afraid to speak as adults represent authority to most young people.

DELAY EDUCATION

If the centre has determined a client needs treatment, he or she is asked to suspend all daytime activities for four weeks. In the case of an adolescent, the parents may have to make arrangements with their child's school for the classes missed.

"Is it more important to delay the education in order to deal with the problem?" Mr. Baker asked.

He pointed out most adolescents cannot be getting an education while under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Most adolescents with chemical dependencies are probably involved with alcohol and marijuana, Mr. Baker said.

Clients in treatment start their day at 9 a.m. From 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., they are involved in group therapy. This involves discussions on feelings, values, and triggers for chemical use, Mr. Baker said. It is during this time the adolescents would be in a separate group.

"Kids have a more difficult time identifying what their issues are...what their feelings are," Mr. Baker said.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the teens join in group discussions with the adults.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., the clients are involved in educational sessions. The topics include lifeskills, communication, relaxation, and feelings management.

On Tuesday afternoons, the clients go to the YMCA to play team sports such as volleyball. These sports activites give the clients physical exercise and encourage them to get involved with others, Mr. Baker said.

AFTERCARE ESSENTIAL

This treatment method is not for all chemically dependent people, Mr. Baker said. Some may be referred to a residential treatment centre. A client still under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be sent to a detoxification centre until the withdrawal symptoms subside.

"Withdrawal is still there when you go home at night," Mr. Baker said.

After the four week treatment, clients attend aftercare sessions for a year. These sessions are held on Tuesday nights for two hours. They give the clients support as they attempt to live chemical-free, Mr. Baker said.

The treatment program is not based on 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous but clients are encouraged to attend those groups as well. As one client told Mr. Baker: "AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) is for recovery; treatment is for discovery."

The Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre has a group for the families as well. Parents, siblings, children, and spouses of the chemically dependent receive help dealing with their feelings and problems. Family members are accepted even if the addicted person is not in treatment, Mr. Baker said.

Future plans include a group for seniors with dependencies, he said. The centre is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health. There are no extra funds to start these new groups. New projects will depend on the finances available and the number of people requiring treatment.

"We're looking to try and access more people who need our services, regardless of age," Mr. Baker said.

For more information contact Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre (Niagara), 4 Queen St., Second Floor, St. Catharines, Ont., L2R 6W8 or call 685-5425.

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no goal that we can not achieve," he said.

As a member of Niagara College's hockey team, Chris was a "little upset" there was no competiton for the position of vice-president of athletics.

"I would like to make a difference. I have a number of ideas that I am working on and new ideas in the making with every sport. And I'd like to, in some way, tie-in After Hours with the sporting events here at the college," Chris said.

Chris said he would like to improve school spirit through athletics, maybe changing the school's mascot and other such activities.

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